

ADMITS LONG ISLAND IS TIED UP ON COAL

H. T. Peters Says Railroad Seems Unable to Keep Supply Moving.

DRUMMOND SEES HOPE

Reports Steady Progress; Fights Brooklyn Agitation for His Removal.

DUBS IT 'LOT OF NOISE'

East Side Gets \$6.75 Half Ton Lots in Baskets, Trunks and Tubs.

Samuel J. Drummond, deputy fuel administrator of Brooklyn and Queens, does not intend to be removed from that office without a fight against the agitation for his removal fostered by the allied coal committee of the civic leagues of Brooklyn, which accuses him of discrimination and incompetency.

"They're only making a lot of noise," said Mr. Drummond, "without knowing the truth of the situation. We are doing everything possible to obtain coal, are getting more and more each day and are extending our utmost efforts to distribute it equitably. Does any thoughtful person really suppose the Fuel Administration takes delight in seeing people freeze?"

In Mr. Drummond's opinion the situation is steadily improving. Unless transportation should be paralyzed by a heavy snowfall he declares it will continue to improve. Harry T. Peters, assistant State administrator and chairman of the State administration's advisory committee, however, admitted that the situation throughout Long Island was serious. Because of a continued shortage of serviceable locomotives, he said, the Long Island Railroad recently had tied up so far as the hauling of coal is concerned. It seems to be unable either to handle the loaded floats at Long Island City or to move the coal to its destination.

Leary Demands Action.

At the office of the State Fuel Administration, 161 Broadway, the resolutions adopted by the civic leagues' committee demanding Mr. Drummond's removal was received too late in the afternoon for any of the higher officials to comment upon it or discuss what action, if any, might result. Mr. Drummond is the appointee of Arthur S. Leary, deputy administrator for the municipal district, and not of William H. Woodin, the State chief.

On behalf of Mr. Leary it was explained that about ten days ago Donald J. Sweeney, head of the protesting Brooklyn committee, called on the city administrator and offered to render any aid within his power to help relieve the Brooklyn and Queens situation. At a meeting in Brooklyn on December 15, Leary, despite the heckling to which he was subjected, made several practical suggestions. Referring to that occasion, Mr. Leary last Friday wrote to Mr. Sweeney:

"You will remember that I suggested that a committee of possibly ten, with a chairman, might be appointed to handle the distribution of coal to those areas in hundred pound lots in such cases as Williamsburg and any others you might recommend. I also suggested that we could use possibly 30 members of your civic leagues and if you were willing to give the time to follow up coal delivered to peddlers, to make sure either that it was sold from the peddlers' yards in hundred pound lots or that the dealer for similar distribution.

"I cannot find that either Mr. Woodin or myself has received any answer to this suggestion and if you would like help is to be accepted I would appreciate definite advice from you, so that I may report to Mr. Woodin."

At the request of Mr. Woodin, Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Health Commissioner, has detailed for service with the fuel administration Joseph M. Loneran, supervising inspector of the Health Department. He will enter upon his duties to-morrow. He is to help direct supplies into sections where health may be in danger.

Donates 100,000 Pounds.

Recognizing the serious shortage in Brooklyn and Queens, the Wyoming Valley Coal Company yesterday announced a donation of 100,000 pounds of coal in bags of 50 pounds each to be distributed to the needy of those boroughs through the Mayor's Committee of Women, of which Mrs. William Randolph Hearst is chairman. The contribution came through Sanders A. Wertheim, president of the company. The needy are urged to apply for tickets entitling them to the open and complaints will be permitted and encouraged to make speeches about what ails them.

The forum will be held on the second Tuesday of each month, and any citizen or group of citizens, or any policeman, will be asked to address members and officials of the department. Martin Dolp, Assistant Corporation Counsel, assigned to do the legal work of the Police Department, will be chairman of the forum.

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BRIDE SAYS BAD CHECKS FINANCED HER HONEYMOON

Mrs. Robbins, Who Left Husband After Ten Days, Charges in Annulment Action That He Duped Her by Representing He Was a Practicing Lawyer.

Married December 1, separated within ten days after a honeymoon which is said to have been financed with fraudulent checks, and now suing to annul the venture in matrimony, these are snapshots from a story told by Leona M. Robbins of 2089 Broadway, who brought suit yesterday in the Supreme Court to annul her marriage to William B. Robbins, who she says duped her by false representations that he was a practicing attorney and member of the bar.

A request to serve the summons and complaint on her husband by publication and mail was granted by Justice Gavanagh, as Mrs. Robbins says she does not know where he is. She thinks that three addresses he gave her during a brief courtship and marriage were incorrect, and, according to her story, the

last time they met was December 10, in the Hotel Clidgate, at his request. Mrs. Robbins says she was introduced to Robbins by "a tradesman" last month. Soon after the introduction, she tells of consulting him on professional matters and confiding intimate matters which she alleges were used to force the marriage under threat of exposure to her mother.

After returning from a visit with her mother and the marriage in Toronto, Mrs. Robbins said she discovered her husband's checks were coming back from the banks marked "No account."

Then followed an alleged admission from Robbins that he was suspended from professional practice, and later her investigation and discovery that he came before him on the plea that they could get no coal with which to heat their houses, fined Jacob Solotoroff of 57 East 102d street \$800, with an alternative of sixty days in jail yesterday.

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LANDLORD JAILED FOR LACKING COAL

Magistrate Simpson Insists Duty Was to Lay in Supply in Summer.

GIVES SIXTY DAY TERM

Refuses to Consider Plea That Fuel Could Not Be Obtained.

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Holiday Sales Begin

Astor Place at Ninth Street Telephone 4700 Stuyvesant Formerly A. T. Stewart Store Hours: 9 to 5:30

From the Writings of the Founder

Not a Day Comes and Goes

that our minds are not on a stretch all the time to make this store, the oldest of its kind in the city under personal direction daily by its actual founder, of more worth and usefulness to its patrons.

Since April, 1861, we have followed our intuitions and found ways every day of doing something we can improve.

It is not in the past we live, but each day is given to us to do something more and better for the public that has rewarded us with its confidence and friendliness.

(Signed) John Wanamaker

AU QUATRIEME



French Faience Breakfast Sets

At prices lower than ever before

Each set contains sixteen pieces: coffee pot, hot milk jug, cream pitcher, sugar bowl, covered toast dish, salt and pepper dish, and a breakfast service for two, consisting of large coffee cups, cereal dishes, egg cups and plates.

Eight different and charming patterns—exact reproductions of the old French wares.

Marseilles, Chinoiserie in green, pink fruit on the covers, \$60.

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Yellow ground, flowered design, dragon's head spouts, \$60.

Sceaux, pink and blue stripes, medallions of birds, \$75.

Sceaux, green festoons and pink medallions of cupids and clouds, \$75.

Montpellier, yellow ground, \$75.

Red and blue cornflower pattern, pewter handles on coffee pot and hot milk jug, \$60.

Moustiers, green and white figures and flowers, \$75.

Fourth Floor, Old Building



Holiday Sale of Girls' Fine Coats

\$10.75, \$22.50 and \$29.50 For \$17.50 to \$39.50 grades

Lovely soft woolen fabrics in coats for girls of 6 to 16, that we have had made to our order and copied after some of our more expensive models, or which we have taken from our regular stocks and specially priced for this occasion.

Strictly tailored with pretty convertible collars of the material, or made quite smart by collars of racoon and Australian opossum, they are all carefully lined with Venetian satin.

While the brown tones predominate, there are other exquisite shades, too—Lanvin green, French blue, warm reds and soft brown and tan.

Second Floor, Old Building

John Wanamaker Store Now Closes at 5.30

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Great Clearaway, Today, of Women's Fine Coats, Capes and Wraps

At One-third to One-half less than original prices

These are the models whose prototypes have made our season a great success. The simple, beautifully made models, chosen by smart women.

The stunning wrap-around coats, usually with shawl collars of fur, the soft-line wrap-like coats, whose chic depends so much on the way they are worn, the straight perfectly hanging coats for the woman who prefers the trim silhouette—bloused coats, in fact no smart fashion is missing.

The majority are fur-trimmed and these furs were purchased before the prices advanced early in the season.

Fox, wolf, caracul, beaver, squirrel are the furs used, generously for collars and sometimes for cuffs.

Fur collared capes in the \$40 group. Self trimmed coats, too, in the less expensive groups.

Evening wraps of luxurious brocades and velvets in the \$90 group. Many individual coats and wraps, copies of imports and several fur-lined capes in the \$120 group.

The best soft pile fabrics are used in black, taupe, the browns and blues of today and an occasional dark dull red.

Note:—These Wraps were every one made to our order and, therefore, the workmanship was carefully watched.

Second Floor, Old Building

Another Sale in the Women's Fashion Salon

Smart Frocks and Gowns, \$25 to \$135 Formerly \$35 to \$395

Twills Kashas Cloths Crepes Matelasses Velvets Brocades